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CROATIAN COMMUNISTS PURGE PARTY;
COMINFORM SYMPATHIZERS ARRESTED

CROATIAN PARTY GUESTS 1,765 -- Dagens Nyheter, No 169, 27 Jun 49

Anton Biber, a member of the Politburo in Croatia, has reported that nearly 600 members have been ousted from the Croatian Communist Party for Cominform activities since November 1948. Furges have been in progress since July 1948. Biber reported further that an additional 1,165 members of the 34,000 Croatian Communist Party members have been excluded for other reasons.

HOW THE SECRET POLICE OPERATE -- For Kastavom Internacionalismo [anti-Tito
enlightened newspaper] -- 1 Jun 49

All economic, administrative, and other organs of the Yugoslav government are subordinate to the UDB (secret police). For example, the Belgrade government has ordered the housing office to watch dwellings at night. This night surveillance of houses is used by the UDB for the secret arrest of Communists and honest people. On the night of 1 May, "without confusion," the UDB arrested more than a thousand people.

Most of the employees of the Housing Division have been recruited by the UDB to act as their agents. The House Council in Belgrade also acts as their agent, presumably to insure proper maintenance in the city. The officials of this Council have the right to enter any dwelling at any time to "inspect." In this way the UDB exercises control over all persons whom it suspects of being on the side of the Cominform. -- By an employee of the Belgrade Housing Office.

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NEW ARRESTS IN THE VOJVODINA -- Pod Zastavom Internacionalizma -- 1 Jun 49

The Tito terror in Yugoslavia is increasing every day. The best Communists are being arrested. Whoever is, or is suspected of being, on the side of the Cominform is arrested.

In Rusko Selo, in Kikinda Srez, the following comrades have been arrested: Savo Vojnovic, secretary of the local cell and secretary of the People's Front, in the Army since 1943, a reserve officer; Vladimir Cuk, manager of a mill in the village of Kozarci; Radocaj Bogdan, blacksmith; Vladimir Butulija, manager of an inspection station; and others.

In Srpska Crnja, in Begej-Zrenjanin Srez, the following were arrested: Dusko Raca, Personnel Director of the "Jaksicevo" state farm, member of the local committee; Vid Tosic, manager of a brickyard; Milian Raca, in the Army since 1941, reserve captain, former manager of a machine-tractor station. After his arrest a kulak named Dojo was put in his place. He had discharged all Communists who bowed to the Cominform Resolution.

In Vojvoda Stepa six comrades who protested against the arrest of top Communists were taken into custody.

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